

determined to be allowable, it is requested that the withdrawn process claims 16-19 be rejoined in the application in accordance with the practice of M.P.E.P. §821.04. Since these process claims depend from elected claim 7, they will include all of the limitations of the allowed claim and are therefore entitled to be rejoined with the product claims under the provisions of this section of the M.P.E.P.

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APPENDIX TO AMENDMENT OF FEBRUARY 28, 2003

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Amendments to the Claims

10. (Amended) A polyketone solution according to claim 8 [or 9], wherein the solution contains 0.1-60% by weight of a salt which dissolves in an amount of not less than 1% by weight in water of 50°C in addition to the metal salt.

16. (Amended) A process for producing polyketone fibers which comprises heating the polyketone solution of [any one of claims] claim 7 [-15] to a temperature higher than the phase separation temperature, then extruding the polyketone solution into a coagulating bath having a temperature lower than the phase separation temperature to form a fibrous material, thereafter removing a part or the whole of the solvent which dissolves the polyketone from the fibrous material, stretching the fibrous material and winding up the resulting fibrous material.

17. (Amended) A process for producing polyketone fibers which comprises heating the polyketone solution of [any one of claims] claim 7 [-15] to a temperature higher than the phase separation temperature, then extruding the polyketone solution into a coagulating bath having a temperature lower than the phase separation temperature to form a fibrous material, thereafter drawing the fibrous material out of the coagulating bath at a coagulation draft of 0.2-2, successively drying the fibrous material at a drying draft of 0.5-1.5 after or while removing a part or the whole of the solvent which dissolves the polyketone from the fibrous material, stretching the fibrous material and winding up the resulting fibrous material.

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